

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 153

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A RESOLUTION relative to the expenditure of federal economic recovery plan funds.

WHEREAS, the economic downturn is having a critical impact on everyday Americans who are struggling to maintain or find jobs in an increasingly difficult environment; and

WHEREAS, those same Americans are the taxpayers that provide the revenue needed to operate essential government services; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has enacted President Obama's taxpayer-sponsored economic recovery package, which will provide billions of dollars to help economically devastated cities and states immediately provide jobs to millions of out-of-work Americans through considerable infrastructure rebuilding, green energy projects, and other projects that will require manufactured components; and

WHEREAS, our taxpayer dollars should be spent to maximize the creation of American jobs and restore the economic vitality of our communities; and

WHEREAS, any domestically produced products that are purchased with economic recovery plan monies will immediately help struggling American families and will help stabilize our greater economy; and

WHEREAS, any economic recovery plan spending should, to the extent possible, include a commitment from the State of Tennessee to purchase materials, goods, and services that are produced within the United States, thus employing the very workers that pay the taxes for the economic recovery plan spending in the first place; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this Body hereby pledges to work to maximize the creation of American

jobs and restore economic growth and opportunity by expending economic recovery plan funds on products and services that both create jobs and help keep Americans employed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State of Tennessee commits to purchasing only products that are made in the United States of America and services that are provided by American workers whenever and wherever possible with any economic recovery monies provided to Tennessee by the American taxpayer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State of Tennessee commits to publishing any requests to waive these procurement priorities so as to give American workers and producers the opportunity to identify and provide the American products and services that will maximize the success of our nation's economic recovery program.